

# TEC

# NEWS



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*from the*  
**PRESIDENT'S DESK**

May you all have a Healthy Happy New Year and may all your problems be all little ones.

Due to your President and Editor having an accident and breaking her leg in three places the TEC NEWS is a little late. Very sorry about this but its not easy to sit at typewriter with your leg in a cast or your leg down. Also a little hard to hold a typewriter on my lap and type articles. So please bear with me. I will do the best I can for this issue and rush to get this out. As we limit pages so we can mail TEC NEWS out first class, what doesn't get in one issue will make it into the next issue. All articles about elongated coins are welcomed and please make them short and to the point. All long articles will be put in two parts, meaning in two issues. Ads should be camera ready as I don't have the means to make up any new ads. Also please type up your articles and ads as I don't have the time to decode some members handwriting. If I can't read your writing they will not be used.

I want to welcome all the new members to TEC and may your stay be a long one. Once your name appears in TEC NEWS you will hear from many rollers that have elongated coins for sale or to trade. Any questions just write to me and we will try to answer all or ask the ones who can.

A membership list is in the making but its now in-between paying dues and we can't make up a list until after March 31, the deadline for dues to be paid for 1982. All members who don't pay dues by then this will be your last TEC NEWS. If you pay later you may miss out on the TEC NEWS or coins as we only print as many members that we have to keep the cost down. So if you haven't paid yet, please do so at once. The membership list will be made out in April but wont be ready for April issue as TEC NEWS is printed before deadline. More on this in April issue.

I want to thank all the members sending in the extra money for the American Numismatic Associations Building Fund. Its surprising that members who are sending in money for this fund don't attend the A.N.A.

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## PRESIDENT'S DESK

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conventions and many that do attend haven't sent in their donations yet. I hope this is an oversight as these are the people who benefit the use of the meeting rooms given to TEC. I'm hoping we can make this a 100% so open up your hearts and send a dollar or so if you can as this will help very much. All money donated will be given to the A.N.A. at our annual meeting. All names of those who already donated will be listed on another page. Thanks to all.

As yet I don't know if we will have an auction as only a few donated for this good cause. All money we get from this auction will go to TEC treasury. Please only send good elongated coins and a rare coin rolled on other coins besides pennies preferred or coins you yourself will bid on. Please no JUNK! I'd like to thank the few who did send in already. So thank you kindly as all is appreciated.

If you haven't signed up a new member yet why not do your part for TEC and get that new member for 1982. A special thanks goes to Lee Martin for the article in the New York Times about TEC as we heard from many to join our club. I even heard from a man from Germany. He sent me what he called an elongated token but I'm not sure I'd call it so. If and when I get some one to read the letter I'll be able to tell you more about it. From the looks of the pictures this token was made by this man and sold at a fair in Germany.

Also on the TEC badges. It now doesn't pay us to make the badges unless more members order one to buy later. This used to be a big money thing for TEC. Members rolled these at cost and we could make money. To make only a few ends up by TEC paying more than the members do. So we could end up not making any for this year. I've been working on an idea and now waiting to hear from someone to see what can be done. We must get more people to buy more badges. Orders only are being taken now by the deadline of April 1st. So if any interest to buy one later, please write to me at once. We just may surprise you with something special. I wish I could get the ones who have helped me before for years to help us get this project back on top again. Open up your hearts and let TEC back in again. We need all the help we can get.

We will again try a TEC table at the A.N.A. to see what we can do. I'm asking all rollers if you have some of your store card elongated coins you can donate for this table, write to me at once. Or better still send your coins to me. These will be used as give away at the TEC table at bourse room at ANA convention. We will give only to those who stop and ask about joining our club. Anyone going to Boston this year and cares to donate an hour or so of their time to help sit at this table may do so by writing and letting me know. Last year only Alice Penzes and I sat at the table and not much interest shown by others. If no interest shown again we will give up this idea. Although in New Orleans we were so far away from everything we were lucky if two people walked by. Are you listening ANA.

Have you any new ideas, why not let us know as maybe you have a good one. We are open to suggestions.

Thank you for listening or writing this and God Bless you all.

Sally Kirka, TEC President

PLEASE PAY  
YOUR DUES

## OFFICERS OF THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS

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| Past Presidents<br>Dottie Dow<br>Lloyd E. Wagaman<br>Henry Blaha (Deceased)<br>Sally Kirka     | Club Historian<br>To be appointed - In the<br>meantime send all archive<br>material to secretary Al<br>Kirka. |

Membership dues in THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS  
are \$5.00 per calendar year

### IMPORTANT NOTICE ATTENTION

The opinions written in the articles, in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long articles will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned and none are to be reprinted, in whole or in part without the written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not too large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

## NOTICE!

## ALL ADVERTISERS

Advertising rates will remain the same for the present until a further study is made. Camera ready copy as set up by advertiser. Editor setup will be a typewritten setup with no artwork.

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## DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

FEBRUARY 15, 1982

## SECRETARY REPORT

Official meeting The Elongated Collectors, Hilton-Magnalia room, New Orleans, La., July 31, 1981.

President Lee Martin opened the meeting at 9 a.m. He asked each member and guest present to stand and introduce themselves. Secretaries minutes of last years meeting as printed in TEC newsletter was approved. Motion by Charles Patterson and seconded by Irving Canter.

Treasurers report was read accepted as read.

Lee had a copy of Dottie and his new book on Modern Elongateds for the members and guest to look at.

Lee distributed packages of elongateds donated by Vance Fowler. Thank you Vance.

President Lee than presented a video tape film he made of two elongated rollers Eric Goodman and Claude Watts. It showed how each roller, rolled their coins and we saw the finished coin elongated. It was a very interesting program. Thank you Lee.

Lee then asked a few member rollers who were present to tell us about their machine and how they worked. Frank Brazzell, Chester Rogers and Cliff Roth answered questions.

Frank Brazzell donated two sets of elongateds "Wedding of Prince" Charles.

Lee gave the results of the election but did not say how many ballots were sent or received, nor how many votes for the office of secy each received. Nominating Chairman not present.

Elected were President Sally Kirka, Secy Al Kirka, Tres Jack Huggins, Vice Pres Chester Grabowski. Board of Governors Virginia Aldridge, Irving Canter, Cliff Roth.

Lee then turned the Presidents gavel over to Sally Kirka.

Al Kirka distributed give-a-way donated by Richard Townsend. Thank you Richard.

Elongateds given by Irving Canter were rolled by Chester Rogers. Thank you Irving.

Sally told the members a few of the plans she had for the club for the coming year. There being no other business meeting closed 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Alice Penzes Secy

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A correction is in order as it was Richard Grabowski that was elected Vice President and not Chester Grabowski.  
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There were 205 ballots sent out as all that were checked off as having paid their 1981 dues at the time and listed as paid by past Secretary Alice Penzes. There were 159 ballots returned. The ballots were counted in New Orleans and the results were then given to President Lee Martin but he was pressed for time and just read the winners. The results are as follow, President Sally Kirka 155 votes, Vice President Richard Grabowski 155 votes, one write in vote for Steve Penzes for Vice President, Secretary, Alice Penzes 52 votes and Al Kirka 107 Votes, Treasurer Jack Huggins 154 votes. The board of Directors were Irving Canter 153 votes, Cliff Roth 155 votes and Virginia Aldridge 154 votes.

As the controllers at the airports were going on strike and many of the members left much earlier then usually. Lee Martin was one who had to leave before the meeting was half over. Each one of us was a little worried if we would get home. Many people stayed home and I sure don't blame them as we were lucky to make it home to. The next day the strike took effect and many people were stranded. Lets hope we have better luck this year for Boston. So Happy New Years to all and may this year be a better year for all.

## NEW MEMBERS FOR 1982

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Sponsored by Rev S. Fowler Sr.

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The 1982 dues are now due. Please make out checks to TEC and mail them to Secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040. All dues are now \$5.00 starting with January 1, 1982.  
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The deadline for all articles and ads for next issue is Feb. 15. It must be at my home by that date. Send all articles to Sally Kirka 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040. Please write or type articles so they can be read or I can't use them. Will appreciate your help on this.

## ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, NEW YORK

BY IRVING R. CANTER  
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

St. Patrick's Cathedral is a famous Roman Catholic Church on Fifth Avenue, in the city of New York. It is the seat of the Archdiocese of the New York area of Catholicism. Saint Patrick's was the first major Cathedral built in the Neo-Gothic style in the United States. The cornerstone was laid in 1858 and the building was opened in 1879, taking a period of twenty-one long years to complete. It resembles several French and English Gothic style Churches, including the Church of Stouen, in Rouen, France, as much of the decorations in the Cathedral is of European workmanship. Many of the Cathedrals, have visible splendor and have been called "Theological Encyclopedias" because they presented Church teachings in pictorial form, for people who could not read. Great series of sculptors depicted Saints or special events from the Bible, these adorned the Cathedrals Facades or entrances. Stained glass windows inside the Cathedral continued and elaborated the stories.

Archbishop Terrence Cooke is now the Diocesan leader and the Most Reverent Father of Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Pope John Paul the second, celebrated a Mass at this most famous Church while on his tour of New York, most recently. The Pope had many stops of which were; The United Nations, Saint Patrick's, Saint Charles, Cardinal Hayes High School, Yankee Stadium, Madison Square Garden, Battery Park, Saint James Cathedral in Brooklyn and Shea Stadium. His tour of the United States included visits to Boston, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, a rural area in the Midwest and Washington, D.C., his Holiness held many Masses and visited with the people. It is clear now that "Pope John Paul II has been named the traveling Pope", for his constant visits worldwide. He has shown clearly, his love and devotion to all people and richly deserves the popular acclaim given him.

Saint Patrick's Cathedral is considered an ideal point of interest and should be included in any itinerary for the tourist in New York City.

I had a set of pennies and a dime elongated coin set made of the St. Patrick's Cathedral for myself by a fellow member Chester Rogers. Some of the coins were given out at the TEC meeting in New Orleans and the rest were sent to President Sally Kirka to be given out with this issue. The other elongated coin will be given out with the April issue

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NOTICE

The coins given out with this issue were donated by Irving Canter. As we can only send one coin at a time, the other coin to this set will be mailed out with the April issue. A special thank you for the nice St. Patrick's elongated penny being sent out with this issue.

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Also don't forget your 1982 dues are due. All members must pay \$5.00 starting this year. We are trying to keep the dues at \$5.00 as long as we can. Send dues to Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Ct.



## TEC AUCTION NOTICE

At the TEC meeting at the A.N.A. Convention in New Orleans a few people asked if we could have an auction in Boston with some rare elongated coins that members could donate to TEC and the money to go into the TEC treasury. In the October, November, December issue of the TEC NEWS I asked the members for donations for this but the respond was very poor. This is your club and if the members don't want to help, its alright by me. Only remember, if the members wont help the club, then don't expect the club to help you as with the cost of living so high, the club can't really afford to give the free things it once did. All the members can help on this, if you don't have an elongated coin to donate we will cheerfully accept a donation of some money etc. Novella Watson has donated \$50.00 to be used as I see fit for TEC. This was already sent to the treasurer. There are a few that expect the rollers to donate all the time but if it wasn't for these few who do donate we wouldn't be able to give the things free that we do at TEC meeting. I still would like to hold an auction in Boston at our TEC meeting but will see how much is donated for this in the next two months. If no respond, then we will forget about an auction. We only want good elongated coins that are rolled out nice, that you yourself would want to buy. Please no junk! The elongated coins we would like to receive are nickels, quarters, half dollars or rolled out Anthony dollars. We will cheerfully accept all rolled out nice elongated coins. If we get enough elongated coins we will hold an auction in Boston.

## NOTICE

What a surprise I'm receiving from the TEC members for the A.N.A. Building Fund. As you know the A.N.A. has been very good to our club "The Elongated Collectors". Every year since our club has started the A.N.A. has provided us with a meeting room at all their conventions for the past 15 years. They never bother us but give us a very nice room at the convention where we meet and all get-together. For this we really don't pay a thing. We do give them a donation from time to time but its really not much.

So I thought as I read all the A.N.A. clubs that have done their best to donate what they could for the A.N.A. Building Fund. They are now adding to their headquarters out in Colorado Springs, which now is to small for all their needs. So I really think TEC should try to donate something in the name of "The Elongated Collectors", to this fund. So I asked the TEC members to donate a \$1.00 or more if they can, so we could proudly donate some money for this building fund.

What surprised me the most, were the ones sending in the money. Some never went to the A.N.A. convention but cheerfully sent in money for this. Only a few of the regulars who go to the convention sent in anything yet. Remember I'll appreciate hearing from all. Lets make this a 100% to. Here is the list of names who already gave. Glen Tye, William A Canary, Garry Glise, Irving Canter, Novell Watson, Ginnie Aldridge, Rita Stankiewicz, Charles O'Sullivan, Adam Kloczek, Harry Flower, Al and Sally Kirka, James Warmus, Martin J. Rossew, C. Olson, Joshua Lane, Debra L. Platson, Harold Snyder, James Davisson, Lester Besse and Cecil E. Walls. A thank you to all as this is really appreciated by me. So far \$39.00 has been collected as of this writing. We will present a check to the ANA Building Fund in the name of "The Elongated Collectors" at the TEC meeting in Boston in August.

The 1982 dues are now due, so please make your check of \$5.00 and mail to Secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Ct. 06040

## DIXIE BATH HOUSE

BY JOHN G. SPADONE  
MIAMI, FLA.

A hobby cannot be enjoyed alone, you should contact others in the same field and share information. Show your latest finds and discuss the interesting facts. What is it, why was it made, where, when and who, can be interesting. How many were made and different types and story of how you located them for your collection.

In the new "Martin-Dow" elongated coin book "Yesterday Elongateds" on page 29, FLA-MIA number (7) is the "Dixie Bath-House" elongateds. Reads across top and down to the bottom; (Dixie Bathhouse/and/solar/iiums/admit one), (To sun parlor/Miami Beach, Fla), with thin line inside the dotted border. Rated in price range of (3) \$6.01 to \$12.00. I don't have one in my collection and sure would like to buy one from anyone that may have one for sale.

In discussing information on this piece with Mark Greengold (a collecting friend). He mentioned that this piece would also fit in as merchant token, which never occurred to me. However I mentioned that sometime ago in my newsletters, that I had called the Miami main libraey and they looked up "Dixie Bath House" in the 1930's city directories and located the owner Mr. Becker. Immediately, Mark said, that he had some early city directories (1930) and proceeded to look it up. Sure enough he located it under Fred J. Becker owner (Leeta-wife) 1628 SW 8th St. (Home address) and Dixie Bath House located at 63 Ocean Dr., Miami Beach, Florida. This was a good start, now that we found out who owned Bath House and location. It would be interesting to find out when it began and closed, something about operation fees and servies. What is a solarium? Why was it called Sun Parlor? Who rolled it? Who engraved the die? Who made or owned machine? Now next step is the library again this time the microfilm of Miami Herald Newspaper during the 1930's and maybe pickup story or advertisements of Bath House. Who know's of famous people that went there?

Mark, has decided to visit the area and see whats in that location now and may inquire with old local residents about the Bath House and maybe pick up more information or items or similar tokens?

The fun in collecting, now that we located area and exact spot, we can visit area for rest of story and that this elongate can be placed in collections with all information needed. Who knows people involved in this elongated coin may lead to other elongated coins of Florida and other states which can further help research and enjoyment of the hobby. Hope you can all join in sharing information on hobby of elongated coin collecting.

A check with Miami Library shows that city directories go back to 1904. The search discovered that Dixie Bath House was first listed in 1928 at 61 Ocean Dr. (1930) 63 Ocean Dr. (1938) last listing 59-63 Ocean Dr., and (1939) was listed 28 "Eddie Luncheonette" by Eddie Grossman owner.

Spadones newsletter #20 mentions David Singers article in "Midwest" Elongated Collectors newsletter of Dec. 1974 states that Bert Elmer was responsible for many Chicago Worlds Fair elongated coins of 1933-1934. Bert also made Miami Beach scene, Dixie Bath House 1934 and souvenir of Miami Beach similar to Atlantic Citty, N.J., no. 9 (N.J. souvenir). Some were rolled on nickels.

In "Yesterday's Elongateds" by Martin-Dow page 17, "nostalgia and the elongated", there is mention of Kelly and Elmer as partners. Mr. Elmer got the idea from some country or state fair.

He bought machine at Maller's Building 550 Wabash, Chicago and had Indian Village engraved for Chicago Worlds Fair (1933-34). The pay was 15¢ an hour seven days a week or \$10.50 a week. After Chicago Worlds Fair 1934, Elmer went to Miami and Miami coins were rolled in 1934 to sum it up.



## THE DENTAL DRILL AND I

by Vance Fowler  
Salem, Oregon

One day I said to myself, "Self, you are going to go broke paying these high prices for having dies engraved!" That was the end of my brilliant observations for a time because I thought it totally impossible to ever make my own dies. I was actually content having paid \$600.00 for two oversized dies from a firm in California. (Most TEC members have received samples of those errors with the quarterly newsletter. They were the Oregon Wonderland and EAA International Flyin on pennies with oversized border dots.)

A few months went by and some kind soul whispered the name Adam Cool to me and a price for his services which sounded like some sort of black market deal. But, what do you know, it was for real! Adam Cool became my lifesaver for many months with his speed and quality and reasonable fees. Still, my newly invented automatic elongated machines required complete flexibility and the one ingredient a custom "store bought" die could not provide for a struggling new business, dirt cheapness.

Dirt cheapness does not mean "rotten, lousy, good for nothingness. Dirt cheapness in this sense simply means that even Vance Fowler can afford them! It was then that a letter came from our kind Mr. Lee Martin, without solicitation, in which he suggested that I, yes I, could make my own dies. I did not believe him of course. Nevertheless, I sent off for further information from a large photography firm and with all the speed of one of those cereal box offers I finally got a nicely done manual on photo resist engraving back in the mail.

This encouraged me! It was exciting! Now, I have a college education and I had no trouble understanding my old drill sergeant during the Vietnam conflict so I thought this little technical manual would be a snap. I read it so many times that I had it looking like a retired preacher's Bible. It was dog-eared, torn, underlined, noted on and practically memorized. While I was in the process of doing this, I wrote dozens of letters to anyone and everyone that might have any knowledge of the process, made untold numbers of long distance phone calls, talked with factory reps from chemical supply houses and traced down every bit of information I could lay my hands on. All of this produced miraculous results..... I got absolutely nowhere.

About all I actually ended up with were these facts: 1. The manual was not much help. 2. People were definitely doing photo resist process engraving and weren't talking. 3. I had spent a bundle in time, energy and money over several months and had nothing to show for it.

One kind person did have the process and was willing to share it, but could not remember it and had lost all the written instructions. I all but gave up, until I had to order more dies. It was then that I decided I simply had to find a way to do it myself. What did I have to work with? I had a pocket scriber and it produced miserable scratches only. That would never do. Aha, I had a little motorized grinder and surely that would work. I set about machining several die blank segments and then sat to work trying to grind one out. I succeeded in making a tribute to my lovely wife of 14 years. It only took me 10 minutes, had a heart with an arrow through it and the words, "Vance loves Camille." It looked terrible and I destroyed it after making seven coins.

I did learn something from all that, however. My keen intelligence and sharp eye quickly discovered that one must engrave on the die in REVERSE in order to get the coins to read right. My seven coins are very unique in that they can only be read correctly by looking at them in a mirror reflection. That was the end of my hand grinder attempts. Hand graving tools were out of the question. I know that some fellows like Mr. Cool have been at it scores of years before they became masters. I have

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trouble holding my hand steady enough to brush my teeth, let alone hand grave steel dies. TEETH! Why had I not thought of it before!

Many months ago, I had been a financial advisor and one of my clients owned a dental supply company. I went to him and sure enough, in a dusty back corner of the warehouse was a nearly new (although antique in age) dental drill from a surplus sale aboard an old Navy hospital ship. I walked away with it and a zillion different little steel bits to work with for 150 bucks. It ran perfect, had variable speeds, flexible hand piece, and was a ball to play with. I only had to make one promise when I bought it. I could not go into competition with any legitimate dentists in town.

My excitement was overwhelming as I sat down at my desk and began whittling away on another steel die segment. This one was done in reverse and in commemoration of Voyager I to Saturn. I ran off 25 coins out of sheer pride over my accomplishment and then destroyed the die. This one was actually readable and holds a fond spot in my collection. Still, the quality was just not going to be acceptable to me in my automatic machine. I know I'd never reach perfection without sacrificing years and years of practice and effort. I didn't have the time or the inclination to do this. I needed results immediately, but how?

That photo resist process just had to be part of the answer but I just did not know how to make it work. I could not even get the chemicals locally or anywhere within 500 miles. It was a complete accident that I happened to find a shelf full of do-it-yourself printed circuit board junk at one of my electrical supply houses. I glanced at it, walked on by and came back again and then it hit me, BINGO! This stuff had to be similar in application and maybe I could make it work. Now to make a long story longer, I spent untold countless hours into the wee hours of the morning, night after night experimenting. After what seemed like an endless number of attempts using different techniques and combinations I succeeded in producing acceptable acid etched dies. I claim no fame in this department but I believe I can safely say that nobody and I mean nobody else uses the same method I am using.

Out of sheer embarrassment I will never divulge my system. It will die with me and there is no pun intended. All I can say is that my main ingredients are used for making copper circuit boards and my main tools consist of scotch tape, clear contact paper and a FEATHER and no kidding! I use no electrolists, a cold acid bath and a total darkroom atmosphere is not necessary. I do my own artwork at larger than life size, reduce it with a xerox machine, have it further reduced and made into a negative at a local blueprint shop and touch up my dies with an acid resistant screen print ink and a paint brush. You people out there with the expertise in making these photo resist dies would howl if you saw me do it my way, but it works. The total cost investment of the first die off the assembly line was less than \$20.00 and I now have them down to about \$2.50 each and that includes the machined steel die segment.

After I learned to make a rough outline with the acid process it was a simple thing for me to clamp my blank into a little universal clamp that tips and rotates in all directions. All I then had to do was put on my handy dandy magnifying glasses, crank up the dental drill and whittle out the basic details of the die to suit my needs. I recently turned out eight finished dies in a total time from doing the artwork to the completed product in about two hours each. I've made about 30 so far and the number is rapidly growing. I've been at it less than eight months now and the dental drill and I are now fast friends. My dies still leave a lot to be desired but the test of adequacy comes with the question, "will they sell?" The answer has been resounding, "YES"! I have already sold around 60,000 of them this year, all individual sales at 50¢ each. The customer supplies the penny.

## THE DENTAL DRILL AND I

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If any of you travel to Oregon and Washington you may wish to check out the results of my dental drill technique first hand. By November of 1981 we will have 21 of these machines of mine clunking out elongated coins, each with a different theme depicting the location. Drop me a line and I'll be glad to tell you where they are located if you promise to blow 50 cents on an elongated while you're at it. Each machine is totally automatic. You operate them yourself. The whole operation is visible behind glass windows and the critter may even "beep" for you while it stretches out your little prize. The public response has been terrific. Incidentally we just put our first nickel elongating machine too. It works the same way and has proven to be about as popular as the penny type.

I guess you could say that my fledgling business is off and flying at last. The machines are a big hit. People from all over the world are running them and taking the elongateds back to their countries as enjoyable souvenirs. If you run across any of my machine coins you can identify them easily. I do not initial them but everything in writing is of low, flat relief. Everything else is hand ground with good old "Denty," my dental drill.

Since my main business is manufacturing and placing the machines on location I have no interest in custom making dies for other rollers. I leave that to the experts like Adam Cool. My offer of free elongateds still stands according to the rules in the first two newsletters of 1981, but I do not roll coins for other people or sell them by mail at this time.

I just want to say thank you to everyone in TEC and hope that "Denty" and I can help make our hobby more interesting as the years go by.

## CHINESE ASTROLOGY

by Chester Rogers  
Leachville, Ark.

The Chinese believe that your character and your future were determined by the year of your birth. Whether you believe it or not, here is an intriguing way to analyze yourself and your friends.

1970 - The Year Of The Dogs - 1970

The dog is a devoted friend and a philosophical thinker. There is a measure of pessimism in their characters that most Dogs have difficulty overcoming without some help from the outside. The dog is modest and honest, respectable and dutiful but also just a mite too careful about where he will place his trust. He is wary of almost everybody, even himself, which may cause him to be cynical. In Love Dogs make excellent partners for Tigers and Horses. Cats and Dogs contrary to popular opinion get along famously. A Dog would do well not to marry a Goat or a Dragon. Their inconstancies will only increase his own worried state.

This about ends this series and anyone wishing to buy any of these elongated coins or has any questions to ask me, you can write to me for more information. Each elongated penny of this set is 50¢ plus a S.A.S.E. The more you order put more stamps in envelope. You can write to me at this address. Chester M. Rogers, P.O. Box 553, Leachville, Ark. 72438.

# Season's Greetings

**From The Officers & Board Members**

## ABOUT OUR NEW BOOK

By Gary Glise  
Rochester, N.Y.

Thank God, for Lee Martin and Dottie Dow for their new book, "Yesterday Elongateds". Its been a long time in coming but it sure was worth waiting for. I enjoyed all the nice large pictures of the elongated coins and also all the research that went into this book is fabulous.

Now for my reason for writing this praise. In writing to other collectors around the country all I have heard is a lot of criticism. I'm not going to be so pointed as to say, "if you can do a better job then do it!" No, everyone has an opinion and is entitled to one. Maybe this criticism is ment to be constructive, but isn't it to late.

It seems that most of the dispute is over the pricing scale. I do not think Lee Martin and Dottie Dow meant to put a price "per-say" on the elongated coins, just to be used as a guideline for most. Sure they went out on a limb with the standard. Yet as Lincoln once said, "You can please all of the people some of the time and some of the people all the time." Not to sound like a cop-out, but if we all just use our common sense in trying to add to our collection, I'm quite sure we can live with the new book. Lets look at the positive side of it. We have a nice new improved book that is within most everyones price range, put together by Collectors for collectors.

Something else that bothers me is so few TEC members send in articles for the TEC NEWS. We should all help Sally and Al as they are doing a job and a half. They deserve all the help we can give them. We should all give more by giving our yearly dues. Can't all members give an hour of our time at least once a year and write an article about our elongated coins. I hope the Buy-Sell-Trade pages are kept up by the members as its ment to help all of us get many new elongated coins for our collection.

As far as the "oldies" go, Doug Fairbanks over in Jamesville, New York puts out the largest and best list of elongated coins ever for sale. He has some 7,000 elongated coins in his own collection and is always getting in new additions, both old and new. Please drop him a line, as I'm quite sure he can help you out. He has done wonders for my little 1200 collection. Give him a try and I bet you will find something of interest on his list. Besides hes a real nice person.

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Since Al took over as Secretary again he again will make three file cards out. One is sent to the treasurer as members pay their dues, one is given to the president for their file and one is kept by the secretary. This way all three will have a record of who has paid and who is still a member. This is so the President will always know how many members we have and their addresses at all times. As of now things still have to be ironed out but we will take care of all.

We also have a different color card for the next two years, so you must have this years card (1982) as having paid. I want to thank each and everyone who has paid early. Remember you must pay your 1982 dues by March 31st, or you'll be dropped from the membership until you do. That means you'll lose out on the April issue of the TEC News and the coin as if we run out thats it. If you have any pre-bles please write and maybe we can help you.

MY FIRST ELONGATED COIN

by Jack D. Huggins, Sr.  
Belleville, Ill.

Today, November 10, 1981 I received my first elongated coin. Surely it is the most beautiful rolled out coin I have seen since I lost my entire collection of elongated freebees last month.

The Honorable Mr. Elongated Vance Fowler's letter was delivered today and out came the "Merry Christmas-Happy New Year, Wishing Tree". At once I handed it to my wife Charlotte and with us holding hands we agreed that truly this was our most precious gift for Christmas 1981. We wished you all would take your loved ones hand and hold this truly magnificent rolled elongated coin and wish upon the Wishing Tree. I am sure you will join not only your hands but your eyes will meet and you will see the beauty of the Tree and life itself.

The sprit of Christmas has begun early this year and shall continue not only until Christmas but throughout the coming year. The tree is topped off quite naturally with a star, which shows above Baby Jesus in Bethlehem. There are 17 bursts of star light extending from the center of the star. Likewise the tree itself is adorned with 17 Christmas balls. If you look closely and believe in me, they are red in color. Please use a little more of Jack's fantasies and you will feel a slight breeze as each limb sways.

I could go on and on, but space is limited so Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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## BUY-SELL-OR TRADE

Ed Wootton % Big 3 Tire Inc., 1112 N. Main St., Roswell, New Mexico, 88201 has eight new wlongated coins for sale, all eight on pennies are \$3.00 and S.A.S.E. All eight on nickels are \$5.00 plus S.A.S.E. One is N.M. with roadrunner, Two is SKI - horse raicer, Three is Texas Armadille, Four is bif 3 tire (business token), Five is snowman, Six is Neel Christmas coin, Seven is Santa - Chinney, and Eight is Season Greetings with Santa and Sleigh.

Barbara Izzo, P.O. Box 104, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072 sells chances on a gold coin where if you buy a chance you get a very nice elongated coin free with the dollar chance. Anyone interested can write to her as the elongated coin is well worth the money for you to send for it. Remember a dollar a chance gives you this elongated coin free.

Lewie L. Smith, 1419 Lynn St., Owosso, Mich., 48867 has a token with an wlongated designed with the wording of Prince Charles and lady Diana royal wedding on it. This is a token. Anyone interested please write to him. Remember to send a S.A.S.E. when writing for more information. I do not know what the price of these tokens are or if he is selling them. Very nice idea for a token.

John G. Spadone, 4872 N.W. 17st Terr., Miami, Florida 33055, will send a sale list of "Old" or "Modern" elongated coins to those who send S.A.S.E. You must mention which list you want old or modern. Will also trade elongated coins of my issue for yours. Also has extra "pictures" of the Lama Tappel of "Jehol" of Chicago Worlds Fair 1933-34. Known in Book Of Elongates as CPE - 86,8788 - For S.A.S.E.

Cecil E. Walls, 1510 N. Harding St., Orange, California 92667 has a nice price list of 18 new coins he has rolled out lately. All on pennies are 50¢ each plus a S.A.S.E. and all on nickels are 75¢ each. Ask for price on lots of 20 when writing to him. The coin I received is a beautiful Happy Holiday coin. Who ever made the die did an outstanding job. Take my word for it the sample I received is beautiful.

Dottie Dow also has a very nice Christmas coin out which I received from the C.C.E. club. I do not know how these coins sell. I suggest you write for information first on this coin. Also don't forget to send that stamped envelope when asking anyone for information. The coin I received is of a cute snowman for Happy Holiday. As she didnt write to me about this coin, your on your own in writing to her. Also as I read further Dottie also issued another Christmas coin as its the same as the Christmas stamp with a bear on a sled. Very cute.

I started this page to help everyone yet so few write in to help this page that unless I get more respond to this Buy, Sell or Trade page, I will drop it. With all the members out there why not all help to keep this page in the TEC NEWS. If you have one or two coins for sale, trade or buy, lets hear about it so I can fill some pages. Members ask for pages like this then no one helps. I don't think I should have to write to anyone on this. If you can't write and tell me about a new issue, then your out of luck. So come on folks help, help! Lets all help and send in about your new issues.

The next deadline for TEC NEWS is February 15th so remember this date and get all articles and ads in before the deadline. Write to Editor Sally Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040.



BUY - SELL - OR - TRADE

Chester Rogers, P. O. Box 553, Leachville, Ark., 72438 has four new Christmas coins out, Sadat Assassination coin and two of the Columbia Spacecraft coins. The coins are 50¢ on pennies plus a S.A.S.E. If you are a true collector you won't wait too long to order one or more each coin. Remember these people roll these coins to sell so don't wait too long before sending for them, or ask Chester to hold them for you. I could be wrong on this price so you better write to Chester first. Chester also wrote me he finished his Chinese Astrology set of coins. If you haven't bought your set yet, you're missing the boat. A real nice set for the true elongated collectors. Remember if you buy more than one coin put more stamps on the envelope. You're still getting a bargain as the set is very nice.

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James Warmus, Box 1035, Burbank, Calif. 91507 will have a new price list on elongated coins and will send it free for a postage stamp on request. Also James is looking for all elongated coins pertaining to Richard M. Nixon. He now has 50 different and wants to buy any other one that is out. Please write to him first on this. Also he will accept elongated coins on consignment for his price list. For more information write to the above address.

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Harold Snyder, 9070 Riverview Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49004 wants a bronze bar with an elongated coin stamped on it. They were made by Don Adams several years ago. If anyone has one for sale please write to Harold.

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Claude Watt, 1237 W. Palm Ave., Orange Calif. 92668 has two elongated coins for sale but forgot to mention the cost of these coins. One is the Paul Bunyon elongated coin and the other is the N.C.O.C. Club coin. I suggest you write and ask for the price of these coins as both are very nice. Don't forget the S.A.S.E. when asking for information.

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Bob Dadson, 409 8th St., Carlstadt, N. J. 07072 has two elongated coins he is selling at 50¢ each plus a S.A.S.E. One is the G.E.N.A. coin of a horse and buggy in Central Park. The other one is the Grand Central Coin Convention of a train of the Long Island Railroad. Both are made by Dottie Dow for these two clubs. Don't wait too long order these elongated coins as they won't last. Very nice design.

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Elmer Anderson of Pontiac Press, 35 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, R.I. 02886 is selling some beautiful P.N.C. covers with elongated coins in them. For more information why not write to him. It's a very nice collectors item for all elongated coin collectors. Many covers are First Day of issue too. Don't forget that S.A.S.E. when writing in for information from anyone. Postage going up.

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If you have anything to buy, sell or trade please send it in at once to do us all some good. We need your help on this. This only goes for elongated coins and P.N.C. covers with elongated coins or anything to do with elongated coins. Remember the deadline for ads & articles is February 15th to make it for the April issue. All that come in after the deadline go into the July issue. So don't wait until the last minute and send that article in early. Make sure I can read it or it won't make any issues. Your help will be appreciated on this. Don't forget that deadline of February 15th, so send it in early.

## YESTERDAY'S ELONGATEDS

by Lee Martin  
Beaumont, CA

The Lee Martin-Dottie Dow book Yesterday's Elongateds which is being offered to collectors in two editions, (a soft cover and a library edition) has received a lot of comment from readers. Some of it has been educational in the form of constructive criticism.

One member of TEC thought that the pricing guide should have indicated exact prices. This idea was considered but because of the very wide range of prices paid for coins of the same design over the years, it was abandoned and the price level idea was adopted.

Although a large number of new pictures were inserted, the lack of complete coverage is disconcerting. Perhaps the new book by Angelo Rosato which is planned to debut during the Boston convention in 1982 will include some of the current unlisted. Members were asked on many occasions to forward photos or rubbings but a few did not, in the hope that their elongated coin would remain unlisted and thus potentially valuable. In some instances members thought that the coins they owned were too commonplace and would surely be included. Apparently the coins were bypassed by all and thus remain unlisted. One such coin from the New York World's Fair has shown and its value is minimal but because it is unlisted, it probably will be sold as a rarity.

One of the truly unusual ideas has been developed by a TEC member, who is going to try and obtain a complete set of elongated coins. He will use the book as a display area and place the coins besides the photos. The project sounds like a difficult one to achieve but because elongated coins are relatively inexpensive and this member has some financial stability the task is not impossible. Incidentally, some dealers are reporting added demand for older elongateds and the possibility of increased prices seems logical. This is a good time for all TEC members to obtain elongated coins as the prices of today are certainly lower than the listings of tomorrow.

As for the book, the current inventory of YESTERDAY'S ELONGATEDS is about fifty of the Library edition and 350 of the soft cover. The word "about" is used because the number available will be different when you read this than from the date written. Price remains \$22.00 for the soft cover and \$27.00 for the Library edition which is a hard cover book. Order from Lee Martin, Box 667, Beaumont, Calif. 92223, or from any of the dealers advertising the book.

For those who are not familiar with the book the following may be of interest. Dottie Dow's original book forms the basis of the current release but it has been expanded upon, not only with added previously unlisted coins (photos and details added) but with additional information covering price ranges, nostalgia, rolling machines and a variety of data which should be of interest to the dealers and collector. Another area of special interest is the Lord's Prayer coins which were a special interest of Dotties. Literally hundreds of hours were spent in expanding this section and the emphasis placed on the coins cannot be over emphasized. The research jeopardized Dottie's health and was responsible for her joining forces with Lee in producing the book.

The current book is a full 8½ x 11 inch size, printed in brown ink rather than black to ensure recognition of the book as a first edition should another printing be required. (Very doubtful as time is a factor but any additional books if printed would be in black ink.)

The authors are past presidents of TEC with Dottie Dow receiving recognition as the founder of the organization and Lee having the distinction of being the only individual to have been president of both TEC and the California Collectors of Elongated group.

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## YESTERDAY'S ELONGATEDS

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Some added benefits have accrued for the hobby through book reviews in such publications as COINage, Coin World, the New York Times, the Numismatist, Coin Collector's Yearbook, Private Coin Collector (a coin oriented investment publication) and various general circulation periodicals which reviewed the book because Dottie and Lee are members of the Numismatic Literary Guild and often those who review belong to the same group.

The New York Times with its multi million circulation gave a complete column (by Ed Reiter) about the hobby in general and TEC played an important roll in the story, COINage which coincidentally employs Lee as Advertising Director and occasional writer has a complete story in the September issue. The Private Coin Collector featured a review by Dr. Sol Talor (a very favorable review) and allowed Lee to write a story about the hobby which will probably add new collectors to the hobby. All in all the cooperation of media writers has been extremely satisfactory.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES OF INTEREST

I received two beautiful Elong-Coin cards TH from Jack Rosenbluth creator of these beautiful cards. I must say Jack's idea for making these cards is out-standing. Not only are the cards made very nice but the dies of the coins are a work of art. So far I think Jack only made two or three cards but with this nice idea I bet he makes a lot more. The card is somewhat in some sort of plastic coating and the elongated coin is also sealed in so it doesn't move. Its so nice and beautifully made that I myself had to order two more. If you want to exhibit them you need two to show the front and back. They are also ready to exhibit just as they are. Take my word for it, you won't be sorry if you order these two cards. They sell for \$2.00 each plus 50¢ postage and can be ordered from Jayros, 2299 Mt. Zion Road, Dept. 101-B, York, PA 17402. Get on this list to buy all that he makes. These are a first of its kind and a must for all true elongated collectors. Like I said you won't be sorry to buy these cards, so please order now before its too late. All I can say is honest they are beautiful.

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Congratulations to Louis R. Wanert Sr. of St. Petersburg, Florida, on winning a "Best of Show" with his display of his Zodiac set of elongated coins. Its good to hear that members are still exhibiting their elongated coins at coin shows. Keep up the good work Mr. Wejnert Sr. and hope you win many more. Lets hear from others who have exhibited lately. Remember lets show some of the beautiful elongated coins that are made lately or some of the hard to find elongated coins. No matter which elongated coins you exhibit lets go out to win. Also let me know that you did.

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James Warmus has donated \$4.00 to TEC and \$1. for the A.N.A. building fund. Thanks to you James for your donation as it is appreciated by your TEC president, Sally Kirka

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Anyone wishing to send elongated coins for the TEC show case at the A.N.A. Museum should send all elongated coins direct to the A.N.A. Museum c/o American Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901. I will ask Bill Henderson to give us a report on our TEC show case and how they are doing. I do hear from a few that have been to Colorado Springs and they tell me they enjoy seeing our TEC show case with a nice exhibit of elongated coins in it.

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Support TEC and TEC NEWS. Place paid ads and submit articles or news, sign up new members. Try to help TEC as much as you can. Most of all pay your dues on time, which is NOW.

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Sorry to hear the sad news from Richard Townsend that he lost his cousin just before Christmas. He said he was like a big brother to him when he was growing up. Richard was to spend the day before New Years with him. We are sorry to hear this and our prayers go with you and his family.

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If you haven't paid your dues, please do so at once. If your dues are not paid for by March 31st this will be your last issue until we hear from you again. So don't lose out on your TEC NEWS so send in your dues at once. Send in your dues made payable to "T.E.C." to Secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040.

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DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES AND ADS IS FEBRUARY 15th.

## NATHAN HALE ELONGATED COINS

BY SALLY KIRKA  
MANCHESTER, CONN.

Many of you TEC members have all heard of Nathan Hale who had but one life to lose for his country. Nathan Hale was born in Coventry, Connecticut in 1775.

When I was a child my father and mother bought a large ten room early Colonial home built in the early 1700. This house belonged to early history. Our big home was built by an English sea captain and had many old stained glass windows brought here from England. This was sort of a summer home for us as we still kept our home in Manchester too. As we were more like city children we expected to find many things in this old house. Although the house was more modern as the years went by it was still a very old house with many secret hiding places where you could hide your family heirlooms. To this day I don't think many know where they are as my father tried to cover them all up.

You have to remember in the 1700 there were still Indians around that would burn the houses down when at war with the white people. Although I never knew that we had a secret stairway in back of one of the stone fireplaces I knew that other houses had them. In the center behind the fireplace was a 12x12 foot room. When the Indians came you could always hide in the secret room which was in the middle of the house. As kids we explored everything in the house.

As a young girl I was interested to find out more about who lived in the old salt box houses near by. To my surprise I found that not far down the road from our home was the birthplace of Nathan Hale. As we were studying about Nathan Hale in school my brother Henry and I had to explore what was down the road. So after school was out that's where you could find us as we found old cellars of where once were log cabins. Even as children we knew about coins and currency and arrow heads so we looked the cellars over carefully. I don't remember if we found anything but we did come across plenty of snakes. Believed me no one could beat me in running after I saw a snake. My brother once told me that my feet never touched the ground as I ran after seeing a snake.

Each day we went further checking all these old cellars which are still there today as no one seems to build there. As we came to one large cellar I read the sign where it said Nathan Hale was born here. So as I looked around I knew all this land once belonged to the Hale family. We were even told he used to go by our home on his travels. There are still a few houses there now owned by rich families as summer homes. Most look today as they did in the early 1700.

The one big house which still stands today is the homestead of the Nathan Hale's family. As Nathan Hale went at an early age to teach school in Haddam and New London, Conn. he never lived in the old Nathan Hale Homestead as he was hung by the British before the house was finished. I think my brother Henry and I spent a lot of time at this homestead of Nathan Hale. Not inside the house but in and around the place trying to learn more about him. There's lots of history to all this but it's a long story to write all.

I remember when I asked Dottie Dow if she would make a Nathan Hale coin. I can't recall how it went but it ended up Dottie Dow agreeing to put the Nathan Hale Monument which stands in the cemetery where he was buried in Coventry, Conn. As we were kids we used to go to the old cemetery and read the old grave-stones. I never forget the day as I was standing on a grave and the ground gave in. That was the

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## NATHAN HALE ELONGATED COINS

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last time we went there for years or until Dottie Dew asked me to go get a picture of the monument so Dottie could make the elongated coin. I was interested to have a coin made for Connecticut. That was before I bought my own machine.

Now as I said before my father owned three homes but we only lived in two of them most of the time. So when Dottie asked me to tell her more about Nathan Hale we were living in Manchester. When the coins were made and I received my order it said Manchester, Conn. on them. So I wrote Dottie Dew at once about the mistake so she had to hurry up and have the engraver take off Manchester and put Coventry, Conn. on the die.

The elongated coin with the Nathan Hale Monument, Manchester, Conn. will some day be a very rare coin as the die had to be destroyed and not many made that I know of. Its a big must to have set of these for your collection. Since then a few more elongated coins honoring Nathan Hale were made. I myself put the Nathan Hale Homestead and another coin honoring him last year. I did buy another Hale coin showing Nathan Hale being hung from a man in Calif. That one is very hard to get as a very low mintage was made of these coins or so I've been told. So if anyone else has an elongated coin made to honor my neighbor Nathan Hale lets hear about it. So far there are five or six different elongated coins made and all are a rare collectors item.

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